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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the waiver of certain fees for child care
2 providers participating in the state child care assistance
3 program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.4, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **237A.4 Inspection and evaluation.**

4 1. The department shall make periodic inspections
5 of licensed centers to ensure compliance with licensing
6 requirements provided in [this chapter](#), and the local boards of
7 health may make periodic inspections of licensed centers to
8 ensure compliance with health-related licensing requirements
9 provided in [this chapter](#).

10 2. The department may inspect records maintained by a
11 licensed center and may inquire into matters concerning these
12 centers and the persons in charge.

13 3. The department shall require that the center be inspected
14 by the state fire marshal or a designee for compliance with
15 rules relating to fire safety before a license is granted or
16 renewed.

17 4. The department or a designee may periodically visit
18 registered child development homes for the purpose of
19 evaluation of an inquiry into matters concerning compliance
20 with rules adopted under [section 237A.12](#).

21 5. Evaluation of child development homes under [this section](#)
22 may include consultative services provided pursuant to section
23 237A.6.

24 6. The department shall not require a fee or payment for an
25 inspection pursuant to this section from a child care provider
26 participating in the state child care assistance program
27 established in section 237A.13.

28 Sec. 2. Section 237A.4A, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
29 following new subsection:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department shall not require a
31 fee or payment for the licensure of a child care provider
32 participating in the state child care assistance program
33 established in section 237A.13.

34 Sec. 3. Section 237A.5, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
35 following new subsection:

1 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department shall not require a fee
2 or payment for a record check of personnel employed by a child
3 care provider participating in the state child care assistance
4 program established in section 237A.13.

5 Sec. 4. Section 237A.12, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 3. a. Rules relating to fire safety or sanitation for
8 child care centers shall be adopted under this chapter by the
9 state fire marshal in consultation with the department. Rules
10 adopted by the state fire marshal for a building which is
11 owned or leased by a school district or accredited nonpublic
12 school and used as a child care facility shall not differ
13 from standards adopted by the state fire marshal for school
14 buildings under chapter 100. ~~Rules relating to sanitation~~
15 ~~shall be adopted by the department in consultation with the~~
16 ~~director of public health.~~ All rules shall be developed in
17 consultation with the state child care advisory committee. The
18 state fire marshal shall inspect the facilities.

19 b. Rules adopted by the state fire marshal and the
20 department shall not require a fee or payment for the
21 inspection of a child care facility owned or operated by a
22 child care provider participating in the state child care
23 assistance program established in section 237A.13.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to the waiver of certain fees for child
28 care providers participating in the state child care assistance
29 program.

30 The bill prohibits the department of health and human
31 services (HHS) from requiring a fee or payment for an
32 inspection to ensure compliance with child care facility
33 licensing requirements or for the licensure of a child care
34 facility from a child care provider participating in the state
35 child care assistance (CCA) program.

1 The bill prohibits HHS from requiring a fee or payment for
2 the record check of personnel employed by a child care provider
3 participating in the CCA program.

4 The bill prohibits the state fire marshal and HHS from
5 adopting rules that would require a fee or payment for the
6 inspection of a child care facility owned or operated by a
7 child care provider registered to accept reimbursement from the
8 CCA program.